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COUNTY LIBRARIAN

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE BIG READ GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR
THE ARTS FOR THE LIBRARIES OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY:
CANYON COUNTRY JO ANNE DARCY, NEWHALL AND VALENCIA
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept The Big Read grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Santa Clarita Valley libraries, including Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy, Newhall and Valencia.
2. Authorize the County Librarian to act on the County's behalf regarding the execution and completion of all documents relating to the project as may be required under the conditions of the grant, to expend the funds necessary for the completion of the project, and to meet the conditions of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is requesting Board acceptance of The Big Read grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The grant was awarded to the Public Library for the Santa Clarita Valley libraries, which include Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy, Newhall and Valencia, to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage local communities to inspire literary reading. The Big Read grant will allow the Santa Clarita Valley libraries to help meet the educational and cultural needs of the Santa Clarita Valley community.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of service excellence, fiscal responsibility, and children's and families' well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Big Read grant, which is federal funds, is a 1-to-1 matching grant. In order to receive the full grant of \$20,000, the Public Library's total project expenses must be at least \$40,000 or greater, including the grant funds. The Public Library will meet this requirement by providing an in-kind match of staffing and programs. Acceptance of this one-time grant does not commit the County to provide ongoing services. An initial grant payment in the amount of \$16,000 has been received by the Public Library and is available, pending Board approval of the recommended actions, for the purchase of library materials and necessary services and supplies to implement the grant program. The Public Library's operating budget has the appropriation to cover expenditures from this grant.

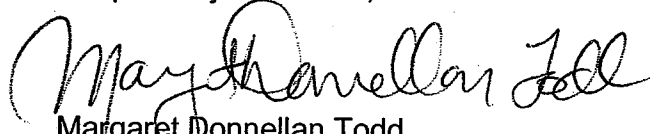
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under \$100,000.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This generous grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest will enable the libraries of the Santa Clarita Valley and the local community to provide reading programs and materials to revitalize the role of literature in American culture.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller